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SUBJECT:

Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Interim Guidance on Transuranics in the Environment

BACKGROUND:

Attached for your information and review are the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) draft guidance and background documents on transuranics in the environment. EPA has placed this guidance on a fast track and proposes to adopt it as interim guidance. We expect Mary Walker to receive the draft guidance from EPA by letter within the next few days for Department of Energy (DOE) concurrence. In the meantime, I am coordinating a Headquarters (HQ) review of the document leading to a staff decision on whether to recommend DOE concurrence. Presently, those of us at DOE HQ that have been following this EPA effort have concluded that our decision will be heavily weighted by the fact that guidance is needed, we have gotten about all concessions from EPA that we can hope for, and EPA can put out "interim" guidance without DOE concurrence.

Please let me know in the next two weeks if you have any strong feelings concerning any aspect of the guidance or if you identify any incorrect information or data in the background documents.

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